Airport at Sindhdurg

133. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra with the Centre's help has decided to set up an airport at Sindhdurg in order to attract tourists;

(b) if so, whether the area is scenic and there are beaches similar to Goa and the airport will be located 25 Km from Kudal city and will come up on 306 hectares; and

(c) if so, the total cost involved in this project and by when this will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No formal proposal for setting up an airport at Sindhdurg by the State Government of Maharashtra has been received in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Leasing of planes by private airlines

134. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some private airlines are taking planes on lease from their own established companies outside India to get subsidy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any special arrangement for looking after the taking of lease by the private airlines; and

(d) if so, what is the report which has been submitted during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have no such information in the matter.